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HAVE you heard of anyone comthe front page lately?

Proof continues to accumulate that when an automobile and a rail- deeds of the Harpe's. The history of way train engage in a dispute as to the Harpe's is about as follows: the right of way the train wins.

many men their lives.

Topeka Capital," but what became tion of a thrilling border romance by will be found, we conjecture, in truth and accuracy, the facts having company with the old fashioned been derived from one who was conit in two and scraped the halves to stances.

ing the various occupations by which of friends the Hon. Josep R. Under-

are met by an outgoing throng, also the following statement of the start-

comprehensive myth of feminine oc- surveying lands. On the way, and not joined their wives and children. cupations. It is quite true that more than a mile from his residence, I "There were only two families women's sphere in the industrial and died John Leeper, celebrated as living between Peter Ruby and the world has widened enormously dur- the cupturer of the famous outlaw, residence of the Harpe women, near ing the last quarter of a century, Big Harpe. Wishing to learn all I the site of the city of Henderson. and that thousands now support could of the matter, I inquired of Mr. It may be that the Harpes passed themselves in fields that were closed Ruby how long he and Leeper had around these two families so as to to their sex a few years ago. But lived intimate as friends, and whether work is no easier now than then, Leeper had frequently told him the tion. ' It is supposed they had deand no "advancement" that woman particulars attending the capture and termined to remove from Kentucky can ever attain will make it possible death of Harpe. to raise squabs or feed chickens while lying on the sofa reading small boy my home was with my manovels.

many and varied, but not quite so uncle brought me from Virginia I was dence of Stigall, who owed one of ble for a farmer's daughter to amass by the Harpe's and murdered, and that among the wealthy for information as to the decoration, furnishing and long after I was put to school in Dan-

note that to the many professions ville; their breaking jail and flight found his purse, which contained now open to women has recently through the Green river country, mur. about \$40 in silver, out of which she been added the noble one of nurse- dering as they went. I had previously paid the woman the dollar due her. detective. - New York Herald.

Tales Frem Over Seas.

of the Chemical society a story of a almost in sight of Leeper's residence; the following night, of one of the young woman, being examined for that they were intimate friends; that most harrible tragedies ever witthe matriculation examination of the ever lived, brave and truthful, and had society, who, have a faint memory of often related to him and others the the terms "halogens" as applied particulars attending the capture and with only one child. A man named to chlorine, bromme and lodine, ex- death of Big Harpe. After dinner we Love was staying that night at the plained that these elements "are so Armstrong, and there I wrote, as Mr. active that they are classed under Ruby dietated, the following facts des camp and went to the house of Stigthe name of 'hooligans.'"

Of his Cambridge days a digni- neers: tary of the church of England tells this story. He always wore a white tie, and when he gothis fellow- ers, one a large athletic man named in it. Two men named Hudgens ship, full of pride, he wants to call Micajah, the other small and active, and Gilmore were returning from upon the master of his college. He named Wiley. They were scarcely the lick with their packs of salt, and rang the bell, the door was opened, ever called by other names than Big had camped for the night not far and he was about to present his and Little Harpe. Big Harpe had from Stigali's. About daylight the card, when the footman, who had two wives, Little Harpe but one. Harpes went to their camp and arrun his eye over him, said, "You're These women had children, but how rested them upon pretense that they too late, young man. I got the many, I did not learn. Their wives had committed robbery, murder and place yesterday!"

will be called for and delivered.

HARPE'S HEAD

A Story of the Notorious Harpes, Who Operated in Western Kentucky.

the Granule which was kindly furnished us serticular interest to the people of this section

formerly of Dawson, but now of Fredonia, is related to the Leeper to whom

"Tins is a little late," says the ed with it has been made the founda-

ceived version in that region, and given to Tompkins. omitted some matters of considerable

As to urban occupations they are munton, in Metcalf county. When my the night a few miles from the resiover their own dead bodies.

Leeper was as honest as any man that nessed on earth. went to the residence of Mr. James house. The two Harpes left their tailed to him by Leeper and other pio- all, got the money, murdered his

were detained with the children at arson at the house of Stigall. They Danville for some time after their shot Gilmore, who died on the spot. Telephone No 5 and your laundry husbands broke jail and fled. When Hudgens broke and ran, but was

So much has been printed regard- interest. Upon the earnest solicitation ed their journey toward the Ohio already cocked his gun and told bank was so high and perpendicular women amass competence that the wood then in his 81st year, but as river. The first cabin passed was Smith he must die. But surprised that is was impossible to descend women amass competence that the wood then it its sist year, but as that of Moses Stigall, then occupied by the volley and by the rushing up and cress the creek with safety, and fortune awaits them here. They are met by an outgoing throng, also the following statement of the start willes from that of Tompkins. The hopeful and inexperienced, who in- ling tragedy, as he learned its details next settlement was Peter Ruby's, off on loop into a tend to raise squabs or chickens or on the very scene of its bloodiest chap- eleven miles from Stigall's. My in- not seen afterward. make fancy butter from cows that somewhat abriged: wear white overalls to the milking.

Both the ingoing and the outgoing are the victims of the illusive and county, Ky., to engage his services in house of Peter Ruby, and saw the

lived neighbors, whether they had conceal themselves from observaand locate somewhere in the South. "My excitement and anxiety grew It is certain, that on joining their out of the following facts: When a wives, they lost no time in packing ternal uncle, Edmond Rogers, near Ed- up and leaving. They camped for easy as they look. It is not possi- informed that a little mill boy, named the women a dollar. Stigall met the a fortune by teaching auction bridge a man named Dooley had been murder he was going to the Robinson Lick, to the leaders of society, and she ed by them, a few miles above my north of the Ohio, for salt, and told can make still less by playing with uncle's residence on the creek upon the woman to call on his wife, and them. Nor is there much demand which his residence was situated, tell her to pay the dollar. He said arrangement of their apartments. ville, Ky., and there was informed of proper directions. One or all of There is absolutely no demand for the murder of Lankford on this side of the wives of the Harpes went to the embroidered slippers or neckties. Cumberland Gap, in what was then house of Stigall, and told his wife Nevertheless it is gratifying to called the Wilderness, by the Harpest what her husband had said. She heard of the murder of Love and Stig- The wives told their husbands how all's family, and burning the house much money seemed to be in the "Mr. Ruby informed me that he bad pile poured out of the purse, and Prof. Dixon related at the dinner lived in the neighborhood forty years, this led to the perpetration, during

> "Mrs. Stigall was a young woman wife and child and Mr. Love; then set the house on fire, and burned up "There were two Harpes, broth- the murdered bodies and all that was released they moved and located overtaken by the Harpes and put to

about eight miles from the present death. These things were stated by On reaching Smith, the pursuers site of the town of Henderson, Ky., the women after Big Harpe's death, were detained, listening to his exwhere they lived in the winter of "News of these murders spread planation. He was regarded as an passed themselves as widows. In with rapidity. Alarm and excite- demonstrated his innocence, and his the summer of 1799, Big and Little ment prevaded every heart. The life was spared. The pursuers has Harpe traveled through what is now men assembled to consult and to tened toward the camp, and saw Big Hopkins county, on their way to act. The conclusion was universal Harpe hastily saddling the horse Emron's Nors-The following story of the the south side of Green river was a the Harpes. Large rewards for their with him. Seeing their rapid apwilderness, with but few scattered beads, dead or alive, had been pub- proach, he mounted Love's mare, technical meaning, in consequence wilderness resolved to capture them. darted off, leaving the women and of the Legislature of Virginia and A company was formed consisting children to provide for themselves. Kentucky granting lands to those of John Leeper, James Tompkins, They were made prisoners, and try. The Harpe's in their travels it is inhabited condition of the country men armed with rifles, got on the Big Harpe, with much ease, and he Madisonville, the belief is that they ments. They stopped for dinner at them at their camp upon the waters her strength in his behalf. Tompnow Mrs. Goochie Ashby's in town, the house of a settler, named James of Pond river, but whether in the kins, rather a small man, rode a as Manitov. The Ruby's of Madison- bin's Lick, now Manitou-named Muhlenberg county I have not sat- mare, of the best Virginia stock, me of a tradition among the early pursuing party saw Little Harpe account he gave of one of them was, but is not comparable to that of and lonely spot called Harpe's Head. the dinner table. The conversation being a horse-thief, and blew in his ahead, no one trailing in sight exairships, which has cost a great The place derived its name from a related mostly to the general char- charger- (a small implement with cept Tompkins. There was no difgave her husband a mustache cup narrative which follows, however, may be had been without powder; that it in opposite directions, nearly at the progressed, Big Harpe drove into a for Christmas?" If still alive she be relied on for its strict historical was difficult to obtain a supply, and, same time. Big Harpe came mount- thick forest of large trees upon a

1708 o and ensuing spring, and through the scattered population accomplice of the Harpes, but soon join their wives. The country on that these crimes were the deeds of and preparing to take off the women Niss Mattie McNary. The story is one of settlers. (The word settler has a licly offered. The pioneers of the armed with rifle and pistols, and We believe no apology is needed from who settled and improved the wilder- Silas Magby, Pevill Lindsey, Ma- Magby, a large fat man, unfitted us when we give a history of the ness.) The Harpes rode good hors- thew Cristy, Robert Robinson and for the chase, and one other, were Harpe's in this base of the Guarme. es, were well dressed in broadcloth the infuriated Moses Stigall. If left to guard them. Love's mare that is always new and interesting to coats, and armed with rifles and there were any others, Mr. Ruby was large and strong, and carried the people of this section of the count holsters of pistols. The wild, un- had forgotten their names. These the 200 pounds weight of her rider. supposed passed through what is now was their apology for such equip- trail of the Harpes and overtook seemed to call on her to spend all Steuben's Lick, is what is now known Tompkins, who resided near Steu- present boundary of Hopkins or thorough-bred full blooded bay ville are descendents of J. R. Ruby after Boron Steuben of revolution- isfactorily ascertained. About a and led in the pursuit. He had mentioned below. Dr. S. M. Leeper ary memory. (Alfred Towns told quarter of a mile from camp the chased thieves before, and the only plaining about Roosevelt crowding reference is made. There are many settlers, that the old Baron had vis- and a man named Smith, who had "that he would never steal another people in this county, who, while not ited Kentucky soon after the close been hunting horses in the range, horse," Nance, his mare, exhibited living at that time, have heard old of the war, and had been wounded conversing near a branch of water. both speed and bottom in this race people years ago tell of the terrible by the Indians at this Lick, hence (This word "Range" was used by of life or death. The other horses its name.) While resting themselves the early settlers of Kentucky to were nothing like equal to Nance, "About twenty miles from the town and enjoying the hospitality of Mr. designate the natural pasturage of or to Love's mare, and their riders of Henderson, at a point just within Tompkins, the Harpes passed them- canebrake, wild pea-vine and grass being large men, Big Harpe might the line of Hopkins county, where the selves as Methodist preachers, and on which their live stock grazed.) entertain hopes of escape. In the THE upkeep of automobiles has road from Henderson, Morganifeld and one of them said a long grace at Little Harpe charged Smith with first two or three miles he kept tragical circumstance which occurred acter of the country and the great which the hunter measures his pow- ficulty in following through the rich, there in the early part of the present quantity of game it furnished. One der in loading his gun.) The shrill mellow soil of the wilderness, the century. The bloody legend connect- of them asked whether he hunted sound, their usual signal for danger, tracks made by the horses of Harpe and killed many deer? Mr. Tomp. soon brought Big Harpe to see what and Tompkins. Leeper was second Topeka Capital," but what became of the old fashioned woman who most pleasing writers of the west. The ammunition, but for some time past and Big Harpe arrived at the branch, as rapidly as possible. As the race consequently he had no venison to ed on a fine gray mare, the property creek bottom. As he approached woman who in eating an apple cut temporary with the event, and person. eat. Thereupon the Harpes, with of the murdered Love, which he had the stream to cross it, he encounterally cognizant of most of the circum- affected generosity, made a liberal appropriated. The pursuers, not ed a large poplar tree, four or five division of their stock of powder doubting the guilt of those whom feet in diameter and one hundred pulp with the rounded point of a During a visit to Bowling Green, Ky., with Mr. Tompkins. It will be seen they had overtaken, without warn-feet in length, which had been blown in the summer of 1874, an old citizen in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that, by a most singuined the authority for this sketch, in the sequel that the se observing that in several particulars it lar providence, Big Harpe was most- ing Smith, but not bitting the pendicular bank of the creek and its Metropolitan Myths-Occupations for was different from the commonly re- ly wounded by his own powder, thus Harpes. Big Harpe was in the act top extending back so as to make an of shooting Smith as those in front angle between the creek and the "After dinner the Harpes resum- among the pursuers fired. He had tree of about forty degrees. The

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